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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 5565

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS

REF: BERLIN 5532

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING PLANS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY IN EAST BERLIN (REFTEL).

2. SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV IN HIS CALL ON THE DANISH AMBASSADOR SAIDTHAT ON MAY 7 THERE WILL BE A COMMEMORATIVE OCCASION UNDER EAST GERMAN SPONSORSHIP AT WHICH SED FIRST SECRETARY HONECKER WILL SPEAK. ON MAY 8 THERE WILL BE A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT TREPTOW TO BE FOLLOWED LATER IN THE DAY BY A RECEPTION IN THE SOVIET EMBASSY.

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ON MAY 9 THE AMBASSADOR OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL HOST

A RECEPTION. ABRASIMOV SAID WITH SOME EMPHASIS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PARADES IN EAST BERLIN OF ANY KIND. PRESUMABLY DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED HERE WILL BE INVITED TO ALL OF THE ABOVE EVENTS.

3. DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL KIENER TOLD THE BRITISH CHARGE HERE IN COCKTAIL PARTY CONVERSATION THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT "CERTAIN PERSONALITIES" FROM THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT ATTEND V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS IN EAST BERLIN. ABRASIMOV HAD MADE NO MENTION OF THIS.

4. ACTING HEAD OF THE FRG MISSION BRAUTIGAM TOLD US ON APRIL 16 THAT HE IS QUITE CERTAIN THE FRG REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND ALL FOUR OCCASIONS MENTIONED BY ABRASIMOV. HE RE-EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNDERLYING FRG CONCERN IS THAT THE COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II, "WITH BOTH ITS POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS" NOT BE LEFT TO THE "OTHER GERMANS" OF THE GDR.

5. COMMENT: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RECEPTION TO BE OFFERED BY THE CZECHS IS NOT CLEAR AND IS APPARENTLY WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN PREVIOUS OBSERVANCE HERE OF V-E DAY.GROVE

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